

Ledbury Neighbourhood Development Plan

Consultation Template

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Key items to comment on	We welcome the Authority's views on all the issues covered in the attached leaflet but would especially appreciate comments on section 2 which suggests a possible location for a combined Tri-services site by the Ross Roundabout adjacent to the Hawk Rise development.
Summary of comments Thank you for inviting the Fire Authority to comment on the proposals for a combined Tri-Services Emergency Hub. Whilst the existing Ledbury Fire Station meets are current operational needs, we would be happy to consider a relocation to a new, purpose built tri-service hub near the Ross Roundabout. We would need to see the precise details of the site being proposed in order to undertake a full analysis of response times but in principle and from our knowledge of the area, so long as the site is of adequate size and has good access to the bypass then it is likely to be acceptable from an operational perspective. However, it is very unlikely that the proceeds of sale from the existing site would be sufficient to cover the costs of building a new fire station. Any scheme to relocate the fire station would therefore need to be developer-funded.	
Is it OK to publish report with all information or does it need to be anonymised? (the Inspector who will examine the NDP will need to see key evidence like this) Yes	
Conclusions and recommendations The proposal for a combined tri-service hub is acceptable in principle but the development plan should identify how this would be funded.	